AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend paragraph 19 on page 5 as follows:

[0019] Figure 3 is a side cross-sectional view of the Linking Transconnector shown in Figure 1.

Please amend paragraph 21 on page 5 as follows:

[0021] Figure 5a is a ~~detailed~~ longitudinal cross-sectional view of the locking sleeve of the Linking Transconnector shown in Figure 1.

Please amend paragraph 22 on page 5 as follows:

[0022] Figure 5b is a lateral cross-sectional view of the locking sleeve shown in Figure 5a.